

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-36 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 30-36 have been withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by PCT Appl. Publ. No. WO 01/16804 A2 to Chandhok et al.

As a preliminary matter, the Examiner indicates that two references identified in an Information Disclosure Statement submitted by Applicant appear to be missing from the file. Applicant submits herewith copies of the apparently missing references for the Examiner's consideration.

In addition, Applicant hereby confirms the election of claims 1-29 without traverse in response to the restriction requirement set forth in the office action.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 to state that the "second data set" received from a user includes "a delta file comprising a delta indicating the difference between the updated version of the file and an immediately previous version of the file." Claim 1 has also been amended to state that "for each recipient designated by the second data set who accessed the immediately previous version of the file, the third data set includes the delta file comprising the delta indicating the difference between the updated version of the file and the previous version of the file." Independent claims 19 and 29 have been amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Support for the foregoing amendments can be found in the specification, for example, at paragraphs [0071] to [0074] which describe how a delta and a delta file are generated.

Chandhok fails to disclose or suggest the claimed subject matter. As set forth above, the claimed subject matter is directed to a facilitating the collaborative update

process by receiving and providing delta files, which indicate the difference between a current version and a preceding version, to intended recipients that accessed the preceding version. The use of delta files, as opposed to transmitting the entire updated version of the file, results in certain advantages, such as reduced bandwidth requirements. Chandhok, on the other hand, teaches a system that does not provide deltas or delta files to recipients who have previously accessed a preceding version of a file. Rather, Chandhok discloses a system where the entire new version of a file is transmitted to recipients, regardless of whether they have accessed a preceding version of the file. The use of hash functions and the like in Chandhok is directed to verifying correspondence between an existing version and a new version of a file, before the new version replaces the old version of the file. See Chandok at page 8, lines 18-33.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all currently pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that any further action by Applicant is necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, Applicants request a telephone conference with the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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